have been, in previous years, making liberal grants for works of sanitation in the Municipalities of Ernakulam, Mattancheri, Trichur and Chittur in aid of town improvement and they consider that it is time for the Municipalities to try to stand on their own legs. The scope of town improvement works of Kunnamkulam and Trippunittura has also been restricted in the coming year. Thus, as against the revised estimate of Rs. 55,350 for 1100 a provision of Rs. 19,100 only has been made for the several Town Improvement works in the coming year.

The provision of Rs. 20,943—the Government contribution to the Municipal Funds—is distributed as follows:—

Trichur Municipal Council	Rs. 6,002
Ernakulam Municipal Council	Rs. 7,141
Chittur Municipal Council	Rs. 7,800

Rural Sanitation.—Apart from the establishment charges and the usual contingent expenses, the two noticeable items provided for under this head are (1) the provision of Rs. 10,000 for improvements to water supply and (2) the provision of Rs. 3,000 for the Pulaya Colony. The former provision is for the construction, etc, of tanks and wells in rural areas and the latter is intended for being utilised in the settlements of the depressed classes in the State.

The scope of sanitation by the State Sanitary Department has considerably declined since its last reorganisation in 1088. The old Sanitary Boards have been replaced by Municipalities independent of the Sanitary Department who make their own arrangements for sanitation. The activities of the Sanitary Department have been further limited by the steady growth of the Panchayats during the last decade. Having regard to these and in view of the large contributions Government are annually making to the numerous Panchayats for works of sanitation in rural areas, the time has now come for considerably reducing the Sanitary Establishment and its activities. The question is under consideration.

Pension and Gratuity.

Expenditure.—The revised estimate of 1100 is fixed at Rs. 1,37,000 according to actual requirements

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and the budget estimate for 1101 at Rs. 1,45,000, the increase being due to the anticipated retirement of some highly paid officers.

Stationery and Printing.

Receipts.—The revised estimate for 1100 is fixed at Rs, 14,700 and the budget estimate for 1101 at Rs. 14,300. The variations being small call for no special remarks.

Expenditure.—The revised estimate falls short of the budget estimate for 1100 by Rs. 5,100 and is fixed at Rs. 73,100. The decrease is mainly on account of the fall in the cost of stationery articles and the postponement of the purchase of some printing materials.

The budget estimate for 1101 is fixed at Rs. 74,000.

Military

Expenditure.—The revised estimate is fixed at Rs. 99,700 as against the budget estimate for 1100 of Rs.94,900, the increase being mainly due to the expenditure sanctioned during the course of the year for the purchase of four horses. On account of the provisions for the purchase of Band instruments and leave allowances there is a slight increase in the budget estimate for 1101 which is fixed at Rs. 1,02,000.

Public Works.

Receipts.—Under this head is included both Civil and Mechanical Engineering and the total receipts according to the revised estimate are expected to be Rs. 1,86,300 while the budget estimate for 1101 is fixed at Rs. 1,89,800.

Expenditure.—The revised estimate for 1100 amounts to Rs. 12,89,800 as against the budget estimate of Rs. 15,04,400 mainly due to the non-utilisation of the provisions of Rs. 2,00,000 and Rs. 50,000 respectively made for the construction of a First Grade College and the Leper Asylum as also of the provision for the duplication of the Chowwara Head Works machinery.

Under 'Contribution to Harbour Works' the revised estimate has been put down at Rs. 92,779 as against the budget provision of Rs. 50,000. But a

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